

Threads of Time

糸の時間



Manga-Sketchbook® by J. J. Wang
<http://www.manga-sketchbook.org/>



Hero
out of
Time

Threads Of Time, Vol. 2
Created by Mi Young Noh

Translation - Jihao Hong
English Adaptation - Luis Reyes
Retouch and Lettering - Derron Bennett
Production Artist - Jose Macaspool, Jr.
Cover Design - Patrick Hook

Editor - Luis Reyes
Digital Imaging Manager - Chris Buford
Pre-Press Manager - Antonio DePietra
Production Managers - Jennifer Miller and Mutsaers Miyazaki
Art Director - Matt Allard
Managing Editor - Jill Freshney
VP of Production - Ron Klamert
President and C.O.O. - John Parker
Publisher and C.E.O. - Stuart Levy



TOKYOPOP Inc.
5900 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 2000
Los Angeles, CA 90038

E-mail: info@TOKYOPOP.com
Come visit us online at: www.TOKYOPOP.com

©2004 NOH MI YOUNG. DAWSON C.I. Inc. All Rights. All rights reserved. No portion of this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means without written permission from the copyright holders.
English translation rights in North America, UK, NZ, and Australia arranged by DAWSON C.I. Inc. This manga is a work of fiction. Any resemblance to actual events or locales or persons, living or dead, is entirely coincidental.
English text copyright © 2004 TOKYOPOP Inc.

ISBN: 1-59182-781-7

First TOKYOPOP printing: November 2004

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Printed in the USA

Threads of Time

龍神傳

Volume 2

By
Mi Young Noh



HAMBURG // LONDON // LOS ANGELES // TOKYO

Threads of Time

The Chronicles of Time

High school kendo champion Moon Bin Kim suffered from a recurring nightmare in which he lives as Sa Kyung Kim, the son of a prominent warrior family in 13th-century Korea (Koryo). In the modern day, he is the son of neglectful parents who, from whatever part of the globe they may happen to be, wire him money when he needs it. The nightmares become increasingly more frequent and begin to invade his waking hours, especially the apparition of a girl who seems to be calling out for him.

After a freak accident at the school swimming pool, during which Moon Bin saw the mysterious girl beneath him in the water, pulling him down into dark depths, he found that his nightmare had become more real than he ever imagined. As a hospitalized Moon Bin entered a coma, Sa Kyung Kim emerged from a coma in the past.

But this new consciousness straddles a trans migratory portal through space in time in which people in his life assume roles in both realities. In the present, his high school's kendo club was battling toward the championships...but in the past, Moon Bin finds himself at the threshold of a territorial dispute with the Mongol Empire.

Genghis Khan has recently died, leaving the great expanse of Asia to his three remaining sons, Chagatai, Ogodei and Tolui. Ogodei, though not the oldest, became the Deh-Khan, ruler of all the Khanates. It was one of Genghis Khan's dying orders to invade Koryo, and the new Deh-Khan intends to do just that. He has chosen a general to lead the invasion of the peninsula—Sali Tayi, one of the stoically fierce fighters in the Mongol army. And to appoint a Chiliarch to accompany Sali Tayi on this path of conquest, the new Deh-Khan has devised a contest of skill, strength and bravery...a contest restricted to male warriors, much to the chagrin of Chagatai's alacritous daughter, Atan Hadas, who longs to show the Mongol world what kind of fighter a woman can be.

contents

Threads of Time

6

Atan Hadas and Sali Tayeh.....7

7

A Calling.....47

8

Encounter.....86

9

Fate.....127

Chapter 6
Atan Hadas
and Sali Tayl





HOW...LET THE
COMPETITION BEGIN!
CELEBRATE AND ENJOY MY
BECOMING OGODEI
DEH-KAHNI

UPON THE WINNER,
I WILL BESTOW THE TITLE
AND DUTY OF CHILIARCHI

Chiliarchi: Commander of a battalion of 1000 soldiers



CHILIARCHI



THE
CHILIARCH...



THIS IS
MY CHANCE!



DEH-KUHL.



OH,
SALI TAYL.

CONGRATULATIONS,
DEH-KUHL.



AND YOU, YOU'RE
A GENERAL NOW,
ARE YOU NOT?



YES, AND HE'S BEEN
CHARGED WITH
THE CONQUEST
OF KORYO.

YES, CHAGATAL



HM...



THE CONTEST
HAS BEGUN.



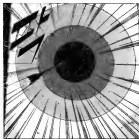
SILENTLY WATCH
THE CONTEST
GROUND'S CLOSELY.
WHEN A VICTOR
EMERGES, BRING
HIM TO ME.



YES,
DEH-KAHH

HE'S A
PROMISING
GENERAL









BULLSEYE!



**YOU IDIOTS!
I COULD HAVE
REALLY MISSED!!**



**GET THE HELL
OUT OF HERE!**
April sport

I'M SORRY!

**WE HAVE A
NEW ARCHERY
CHAMPION!!**



What a baby.





HEY
YOUNG ONE!



THIS TOURNAMENT IS
FOR REAL WARRIORS!
I'D LIKE TO SEE THOSE
WEAK ARMS PICK UP
A SWORD!

BETTER LEARN
YOUR PLACE, BOY!







AUGH



GENERAL
SALI TAYII



AT THIS TIME OF
CELEBRATION ON
THE INAUGURATION
DAY OF OSODEL..



PRINCE KURU
KNU, IS IT?

YOU WOULDN'T BE
CAUSING A DISTURBANCE,
WOULD YOU?



HMPH.



LET'S
GO.





I WILL SEE YOU
AT THE CONTEST
FIELD, KID.



ARE YOU
OKAY?



AH...YES.



YOU BEST BE
CAREFUL AROUND
THE PRINCE.

HIS SWORD CAN
LEAVE A NASTY SCAR
ON YOUR FACE.

I WISH
YOU
LUCK.



YOU
SHOWED
UP, KID.

I CAN'T WAIT
TO WATCH YOU
WEEP.

SOOD, I THOUGHT THE
FIRM, CORAL, WOULD BE
TO BE BOUND.









THE WINNER OF
THIS CONTEST
HAS BEEN
DETERMINED!



EH?



That's General
Gai Taro.



I
APPLAUD
YOU.

FOLLOW ME.
DEH-KAHN IS WAITING.







ATAN HADASI



LOOK! YOUR
CHAMPION IS
ATAN HADASI
A WOMAN!

SHE MUST BE
DISQUALIFIED!



AND THIRTIEST,
THE TITLE OF
CHAMPION FALLS
TO ME!

KUYU KUU...



I AM A MEMBER OF THE
GOLDEN TRIBE, AND
THEREFORE SHARE THE
BLOOD OF GENGHIS
KHAN.

TODAY, I PROVED THAT ONE
BORN OF SUCH STOCK IS AS
POWERFUL A WARRIOR AS ANY...
EVEN IF ONE IS A WOMAN.

AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT
YOU WOULD RESCIND YOUR
PROMISE SIMPLY BECAUSE
THIS FAIR CONTEST WAS
WON BY A GIRL.



ARROGANT WHIMP!
I AM ASSURED THAT
YOU ARE MY
OFFSPRING!



YOU SHOWED GREAT
COURAGE TODAY. THIS
CONTEST IS DIFFICULT,
EVEN FOR THE
STRONGEST OF MEN.



AND I SUSPECT THAT
YOU WERE WAITING FOR
THE DAY ON WHICH THE
PRIZE WOULD BE THE
TITLE OF CHILIARCH.



QUITE A
CLEVER
CHILD.



YOU ARE
RIGHT.

I WILL NOT RESCIND THE
FIRST PROMISE I MAKE AS
THE NEW DEN KAHN.



STILL, I AM YOUR
UNCLE, AND I FEAR
SENDING MY PRECIOUS
NIECE INTO THE FIELD
OF BATTLE.



IF YOU WERE TO FIND
A PARTNER, I WOULD
NOT OBJECT.



DEH-KAHNI



AND NEITHER
SHOULD YOU,
ELDER BROTHER.



THE
GENERAL OF
THE KORYO
CONQUEST...



SALI TAYI, COME
FORWARD.



YOU HAVE
STOOD THERE
QUIETLY.



HOW COULD I REFUSE THE
BEAUTIFUL ATAN HADAS,
THE ELDEST DAUGHTER
OF CHINGYAL,
THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF
GENGHIS KHAN.



IS MY NIECE
LOOKING IN
ANY WAY UP
FOR YOUR BRIDE?



UNCLE...



YOU TRULY HAVE
YOUR UNCLE'S
SPIRIT, CHILD.



AND SO I
ANNOUNCE YOU,
CHILARCH
ATAN HADAS.











HOWEVER, I HAVE
NO INTENTION OF
EMBRACING ONE
WHO IS WILD LIKE
A JUNGLE CAT.



TO REFUSE YOU, WHO
ARE OSGOOD'S NIECE
AND CHAGATAI'S
DAUGHTER, WOULD
HAVE BEEN AN INSULT
TO THE DEH-KAHN.



DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
FOR YOU, THE GOAL WAS
TO OBTAIN THE POSITION
OF CHILARCH. AS FOR ME,
I COULD NOT REFUSE THE
DEH-KAHN'S COMMAND. THAT
IS WHY WE HAVE ENTERED
INTO THIS ARRANGEMENT.



DON'T
FORGET
PRINCESS...

TO ME, YOU ARE
NEITHER FIANCEE
NOR WOMAN. YOU ARE MY
MILITARY SUBORDINATE.



AT DAWN, TWO
DAYS FROM NOW,
START TOWARD
KORO, FOLLOWING
THE HEIGHTS



RETURN WHEN YOU HAVE
OBTAINED HARD INFORMATION
ON THE POSITION OF THE ENEMY
FORTRESS, THE SITUATION OF
KORO'S INTERIOR MINISTRY,
FIGURES ON THEIR ARMIES...
AND THE TOPOGRAPHY
OF THE LAND



THIS
IS...

...THE FIRST
OF MY ORDERS
TO YOU.



DO NOT UNDER-
ESTIMATE ME.

...GENERAL.



CONGRATULATIONS,
SALI TAXI.



TO FORSAKE
WOMEN FOR SO LONG IN
FAVOR OF YOUR TRAINING
ONLY TO HAVE THE MOST
PETCHING OF ALL THE
TRICKS OFFERED TO YOU
BY THE DEH-KHAN HIMSELF.



THEY NEEDED
SOMEONE TO
PROTECT HER IN
BATTLE AND SADDLED
ME WITH THE
RESPONSIBILITY.



A JOB
WORTHY OF THE
GREAT GENERAL SALI
TAXI, RIGHT?

THAT'S
RIGHT.

BUT A MOST
UNSETTLING
ARRANGEMENT.



DON'T WORRY,
MOTHER.



BE CAREFUL.



I WILL.





YOUNG
MASTER, THE
LADY IS LOOKING
FOR YOU.

YOUNG
MASTER?

IT FEELS
LIKE A STORM
IS COMING.

EH?



Manga
Fantasy/Action
USA \$9.99

Threads of Time

龍神傳

The Mongol princess Atan Hadas, determined to prove that a sword alone doesn't make the warrior, disguises as a man in order to enter an archery competition. Later, when the forces of Koryo attack her, she stumbles across the familiar face of Sa Kyung. But what will he do to this woman who is attacking his country?



www.TOKYOPOP.com

TOKYOPOP

Threads of Time

龍神傳

Mi Young-Noh

2



Threads of Time

糸の時間



Manga-Sketchbook&DigitalArt
<http://www.manga-sketchbook.org/>



Chapter 7
A Calling



ARE YOU
PRACTICING
YOUR CALLI-
GRAPHY?

WHAT'S
THE POINT?



YOU MAY NOT
TAKE THE PATH OF THE
WARRIOR, LIKE YOUR
FATHER. YOURS MAY BE
THE WAY OF LEARNING.



YES,
MAMA.



OH, MY SON...



HOW LONG WILL IT BE
BEFORE YOU LOOK INTO
MY EYES AND CALL ME
MOTHER?



STOP CRYING!



I
MEAN
IT!



SHIRAZU



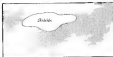






WHAT IS
REALITY
FOR ME?

~~~~~



DON'T LOOK AT  
ME LIKE THAT. THE  
BLOOD STOPPED.

blump  
blump



YOU KNOW, I...



I LEARNED  
EARLY ON...

...THAT THE CRUELEST  
THING IN THE WORLD...  
IS APATHY.

FOR THE LONGEST  
TIME, I FELT LIKE THE  
CRUELEST PERSON IN  
THE WORLD.



DO YOU FIND IT ODD  
THAT WHEN YOU AWAKE...



...YOU FOUND AN ENTIRE  
WARDROBE OF CLOTHES  
THAT FIT YOU PERFECTLY?





WAITING FOR THE DAY THAT  
YOUNG MASTER WOULD WAKE UP,  
THE LADY STACKED THE DRAWERS  
WITH CLOTHES SHE MADE  
HERSELF...YEAR AFTER YEAR.

I HAVE NEVER KNOWN  
ANYONE WHO IS MORE  
LOVED THAN YOU,  
YOUNG MASTER.



LOOK FOR THE RAINTREE  
TO FIND MORE IN THE  
PLACES THAT CAN'T  
BE SEEN.



YOU MAY FIND  
THERE IS MORE  
TO YOU THAN YOU  
MAY IMAGINE.





STOP  
CRYING.



IT...

IT MAKES ME  
FEEL LIKE I DID  
SOMETHING BAD.



I MUST HAVE  
FALLEN ASLEEP...







THEY'RE  
MERS.



ARE YOU  
SURE THEY'RE  
MONGOL  
MERCHANTS?

YEAH, I'M SURE.  
THE RICHEST  
AROUND.



ALL WE HAVE TO  
DO IS THREATEN. THE  
KNIVES WILL STICK THEM  
STILL WITH FEAR.













W...  
WHAT?

HOW DID...?

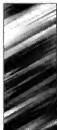


HEY!

BEHIND YOU!















THERE WAS NO  
OTHER WAY...



I'M SORRY.



Ghu-Zhu Palace





THE SOLDIERS  
PROTECT THE  
PERIMETER.  
THEY APPEAR VERY  
WELL-TRAINED.



AND THE FORTRESS  
ITSELF LOOKS STURDY.

IT WILL BE A  
FORTUNABLE OBSTACLE  
WHEN WE ADVANCE  
ON KEE-JUNG.



ATAN HADAS.  
GENERAL KYUNG-SOHN  
KIM IS WAITING.



WHY WOULD A  
GENERAL WANT TO  
SEE MERCHANTS?



IT IS A SECURITY  
PRECAUTION...  
BEFORE WE ENTER  
KEH-KHUNG.



THEY SENSE THE CLOUDS  
OF WAR LOOMING ON  
THE HORIZON.

HE IS A CAUTIOUS MAN.



WE MUST REMAIN ALERT.





IT'S...

...K'UNG-  
SOON  
KIM



IS THIS THE  
CATALOGUE  
OF YOUR  
MERCHANDISE?

YES,  
SIR.



.....



FOR  
MERCHANTS...

...YOU SEEM  
SOMEWHAT  
ALARMED.



WHAT MAKES YOU  
SO NERVOUS?



WELL...

EVEN JU GO-YOUNG,  
THE AMBASSADOR, WAS  
ASSASSINATED HERE IN  
EDONO. HOW CAN WE  
LOWLY MERCHANTS FEEL  
AT EASE IN THIS LAND?



THEY ARE MY  
BODYGUARDS.



IT IS UNUSUAL FOR  
WOMEN TO HANDLE  
THE AFFAIRS OF  
MERCHANTS.







HE SEEMS A  
POWERFUL MAN.



WE ARE THE HONGOLS  
WHO BROKE THE MIGHTY  
GREAT WALL. WHAT ARE  
YOU WORRIED ABOUT?

HIS EYES.



PARDON?



THEY'RE  
LIKE...





THE EYES OF  
MY GENERAL.

THE GOLD  
EYES OF A  
MAN WHO CAN  
SEE THROUGH  
EVERYTHING.



WHY AM  
I HERE?

YOU'RE THE  
ONLY ONE WHO  
KNOWS.



THIS IS SOME  
WEIRD-ASS SHIT.

I GOT A FEEL A WAY  
OUT OF HERE.





THE KNOTS  
YOU TIED IN ONE  
PREVIOUS LIFE...

!



HELLO...

...ARE LEFT FOR  
YOU TO UNTIE  
IN ANOTHER.

YOUR KARMA TRIES TO  
UNTANGLE YOU FROM  
THESE BURDENS.

RETURN TO BUDDHA  
IN WEST PARADISE.







**AT  
LEAST THE  
BEGINNING!**



# Threads of Time

紐と時



Manga-Sketchbook® by J. J. Wang  
<http://www.manga-sketchbook.org/>



Chapter 8  
Encounter



WE'RE  
NEARLY THERE.



KEH-KHUNG IS  
BEYOND THE HILL.



LET'S REST  
HERE FOR A  
MOMENT.



YES, MA'AM.





OH!♡











YOU ARE  
BOUND ALL  
AROUND YOU.



TIED AND TANGLED  
WITH THE KARMEC  
LOTS OF LIVES  
PAST.



BUT TRY AS  
YOU WILL...



...YOU WON'T BE  
ABLE TO SEE IT.



THE ROPES OF  
FATE SURROUND  
YOU.











STOP!



LET HIM GO.

BUT  
PRINCESS...

MY QUESTION IS WHY  
THE THREE OF YOU  
WERE OUT HERE.

WE WANDERED  
OUT HERE BY  
MISTAKE.

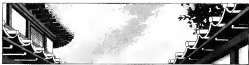
WE WERE  
CONCERNED  
ABOUT YOU,  
PRINCESS.

That's understandable  
that's right

AH...







DAHH! I THOUGHT  
THEY WERE GONNA  
POP MY SHOULDER  
OUTTA THE SOCKET.



YOUNG  
MASTER!



WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE?



Turn to the left. One of the 500 monks on the island (chapter 1) is a day of 10 minutes.

IT'S TANG. THE  
MONKISH MERCHANTS  
HAVE COME AS WELL. SO  
THE MARKETPLACE IS  
BUSTLING WITH ACTIVITY  
EVERYONE'S HERE



WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO JOIN US?





WELL...



ALL RIGHT.



One week prior...

THE TOWNSFOLK  
SAW A DOG DUG THIS  
UP A FEW DAYS AGO.





HE WAS  
KILLED WITH  
ONE STROKE.

HIS  
ASSAULT WAS  
INCREDIBLY  
SKILLED.



HEHEHE



SEND A COURIER  
TO CITY.

SURT



SEND A TEAM TO  
ARREST THE MONGOL  
TRADERS.

THEY MUST BE  
ALL THE WAY TO  
MARKETPLACE BY  
NOW.



TRY TO KEEP  
THEM ALIVE.



BUT IF THEY RESIST, DON'T  
HESITATE TO KILL THEM.



THEY ARE  
DANGEROUS.



HOW  
COULD I NOT  
HAVE SUSPECTED  
THEM FROM THE  
BEGINNING?



THEY ARE  
MONGOL  
SPIES.



I WILL FIGHT  
YOU ANY TIME YOU  
WANT, ZHANG-BI!

BIG TALK FOR  
A SERVANT GIRL!

WHAT KIND OF  
DRESS IS THAT?! I  
CAN SEE YOUR BUTT  
THROUGH THAT  
THING!

ARE YOU A  
MONGOL WHORE?!

AFTER YOU  
MARRY ME, YOUR  
CONDUCT WILL  
CHANGE...

*Close a door  
is like the  
wind, man*

SHE ALREADY LEFT.

WHA...?!

My servant  
is gone!

HAH!



IT'S HERE!



~~~~~



I HAVE LAID
EYES ON
THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL...!



SHE'S
MONGOL...



TOMO: NOW WE WILL GET
A FEEL FOR KEN-KANG'S
ECONOMIC SITUATION. WE HAVE
TO FIND OUT WHO AT THE PALACE
RUNS KORO OPERATIONS.

IF WE SEIZE CONTROL
OF THE CAPITAL, THEY'LL
HAVE NO CHOICE BUT
TO SURRENDER.



THEY WILL DO
ANYTHING TO
PROTECT THEIR
KING.



AND...



DID YOU HEAR
SOMETHING?

EH? NO.

IT MUST HAVE
BEEN THE WIND.









I CAN'T GET HER BODY
OUT OF MY MIND.

Man, she was HOT!



YOU ARE
NUTS.
DUDE, YOU
ONLY SAW
THE CHICK
ONCE.



WHEW...

~~~~~

I NEED  
SOME AIR



SORU KAHNII



RUN,  
PRINCESS!!



I ENTRUST THE  
PRINCESS TO YOU!  
PROTECT HER WITH  
YOUR LIFE!



I ASSURE YOU...  
YOU SHALL NOT  
PASS!



















NOW...WHAT  
EXACTLY IS THE  
MEANING OF  
THIS?

# Threads of Time

糸の時間



Manga-Sketchbook® by J. J. Wang  
<http://www.manga-sketchbook.org/>



*Chapter 2*  
*Fates*



WITH ALL DUE  
RESPECT TO YOUR  
FAMILY MY LORD  
I ORDER YOU TO  
STEP ASIDE.

YOU ARE  
PROTECTING  
A CRIMINAL!



CRIMINAL?



YOU CALL HER  
A CRIMINAL?!

YOU CHASE DEFENSELESS  
WOMEN DOWN WITH SWORDS?!



HE DOESN'T LOOK  
LIKE HE IS GOING  
TO STEP ASIDE.



















YOUR NOBLE  
BLOOD DOES  
NOT ENTITLE  
YOU TO  
TREASON!













I'LL RIP YOUR  
GODDAMN  
LUNGS OUT!



HAI I DON'T  
CARE WHOSE  
SON YOU ARE...



I WILL  
DESTROY YOU!!









ATTEND TO THE  
INJURED SOLDIERS AND  
ORGANIZE A SEARCH OF  
THE AREA.



WITH ONE OF  
THEM WOUNDED,  
THEY CAN'T HAVE  
GOTTEN FAR.



Heff!



THIS WAY!









DAHHH



HM...



IT SOUNDED  
HUMAN.

GIVE ME  
THE TORCH.





IT'S OVER



IT'S COMING FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE!



하



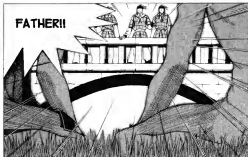
HALT! WHO GOES THERE!



OH NO! NO!



.....













MAN

YOU'RE LUCKY?  
I'M SUCH A  
GREAT GUY.



YOU AWAKE?







THIS IS MOKA'S,  
RIGHT?



TH...THIS...



THIS IS  
MINE.



I OWE YOU A DEBT OF  
GRATITUDE AND WILL  
REPAY IT IN TIME.









SEARCH ALL  
YOU WANT,  
ASSHOLES.



I'M SURE  
SHE'S LONG  
GONE.



THAT WILDCAT MAY  
HAVE EVEN MADE IT  
ALL THE WAY HOME  
(BY NOW)



Two weeks later...

GENERALU

THE PRINCESS  
HAS RETURNED!!





YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY.  
NOW YOU HAVE AN EXCUSE  
TO GO OFF TO WAR  
WITHOUT ME.



YES...



CLEVER...

HAND OVER THE  
DOCUMENTS  
YOU OBTAINED.



THERE  
AREN'T ANY.



WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN?



AFTER I  
MEMORIZED  
THEM, I BURNED  
THE LOT.

THEY'RE ALL  
RIGHT HERE.



SO...

I GUESS YOU'LL JUST  
HAVE TO TAKE ME  
WITH YOU!

# Threads of Time

龍神傳



Yet another spoilerfest deleted. This time I'm so out of sleep that I don't even have energy to bitch and whine about the quality of TokyoPop publications. Just thought to mention how weirdly disconnected from the series the picture above seems, considering the fact that it is an chapter title page on one of the early volumes. And so, up to sixth volume, they still haven't manufactured modern firearms in ancient Korea. Or what the hell that thing is supposed to be...

-Zinich

# The Asia of Genghis Khan

